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**Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee**  
**Senate Bill 30 Testimony**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**  
**Ohio Statehouse**

Chairman Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 30.

As President & CEO of the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce, I represent the needs of more than 400 small- to mid-size business owners and entrepreneurs in a thriving area preparing for additional growth. I am testifying in favor of Senate Bill 30 as a positive and vital means to aid in the debilitating workforce issues our businesses are facing.

By providing the opportunity for 14- or 15-year-olds to be employed between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at any time during the year, Senate Bill 30 will ease staffing burdens faced by business owners across the state and has the added benefit of bolstering work skills and ethics of the next generation. By requiring approval from the minor's parent or legal guardian to work during these additional hours, Senate Bill 30 also preserves the protection of minors as intended by current law.

Thank you, Chairman Cirino and members of the committee, for the opportunity to share my support of Senate Bill 30.

Sincerely,

Kim Barlag  
President & CEO